

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7 and 12.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4-25-2006
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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9. ☐ Other _____.


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Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The various embodiments of the present invention yield several advantages over the prior art. In one embodiment, the telecommunication system and method of the present invention transmit a fax message directly to the destination and store a fax message at a messaging platform only if the destination for the fax is busy or does not answer. This provides advantages from the prior art by decreasing the use of the messaging platform -- from all facsimile transmissions -- to only those transmissions where the destination either is busy or does not answer.

The prior art of record in combination or alone fails to teach or suggest these elements of the independent claims 1 and 12. For example Independent claim 1 has claim limitations such as means for detecting an initiation of a telephone call to a destination by detecting on off-hook delay trigger assigned to a line of an originating party, means for suspending the telephone call and launching an information message from an originating service switching point to at least one service control point if the off-hook delay trigger is detected, means for determining a destination condition for the destination at a first time using the at least one service control point, means for launching a transmit message from at least one service control point to the originating service switching point to transmit a facsimile message to the destination if destination condition was "answer" at the first time, means for launching a routing message from at

least one service control point to the originating switching point to route the telephone call to a messaging platform only if the destination condition was "busy" or "no-answer" at the first time, and means for, if the facsimile message was routed to the messaging platform, (i) storing the routed facsimile message on the messaging platform, (ii) determining a destination condition at a second time, the second time later than the first time, (iii) transmitting the facsimile message to the destination if the destination condition was "answer" at the second time. Independent claim 12 has similar claim limitations. For the above reasons, independent claims 1, 12 and dependent claims 2-7 are allowable.

1. Claims 1-7, 12 are allowed.

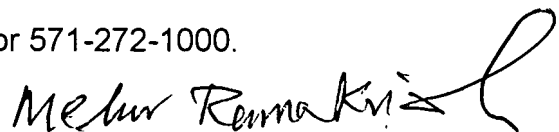
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curt Kuntz can be reached on (571) 272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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